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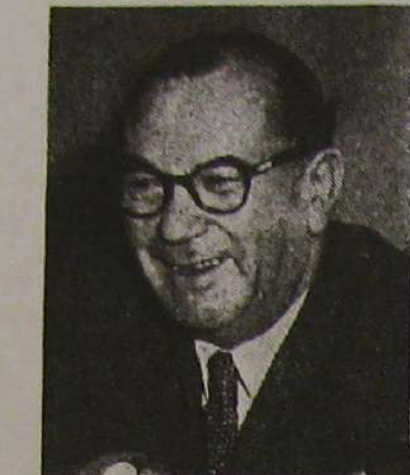


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## FIRST TOUR GAME JULY 10 St. Kilda Cricket Ground the Place

Victoria's first international game of the year will be at St. Kilda Cricket Ground on Wednesday, July 10.

This was announced at Monday night's meeting of the Soccer Council, when the itineraries of the three touring teams in Victoria were being discussed.

That game will be between Victoria and South China, a team from Hong Kong.

Mr. W. R. Thomas, chairman, told the council that the St. Kilda ground was available for that day, and for dates later in the season for the other tours, although they had not been finalised as yet.

No decision has yet been received from the South China officials on the playing of a game on a Sunday, he said, and until it was known whether that was allowable or not it would not be known whether there would be a Sunday game at Toorak Park on July 17.

In any case the Test would be played on the Saturday, July 16, probably at the Showgrounds.

The manager of the Austrian side, Rapid, had agreed to a Sunday game, and that was being arranged, said Mr. Thomas.

An offer from Essendon Junior Soccer Club to supply ball boys for all international fixtures this season was accepted by the council.

The planned itineraries for the three touring sides (subject to addition or alteration in Victoria according to available Sunday games) are:

### RAPID (VIENNA)

July 2 v. N.S.W. at Sydney.  
July 6 v. Metropolis at Sydney.  
July 9 v. Australia (first Test) at Sydney.  
July 13 v. Northern Districts at Cessnock.  
July 16 v. Australia (second Test) at Newcastle.  
July 20 v. Queensland at Brisbane.  
July 23 v. Australia (third Test) at Brisbane.  
July 27 v. Victoria at Melbourne.  
July 30 v. Australia (fourth Test) at Melbourne.  
Aug. 3 v. South Australia at Adelaide.  
Aug. 6 v. Western Australia at Perth.  
Aug. 8 or 10 v. West Australia at Perth.  
Aug. 13 v. Australian XI at Adelaide.  
Aug. 15 v. Tasmania at Launceston.  
Aug. 17 v. Tasmania at Hobart.  
Aug. 20 v. N.S.W. at South Coast.

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### SOUTH CHINA

July 13 v. Victoria at Melbourne.  
July 16 v. Australian XI at Melbourne.  
July 19 v. Tasmania at Launceston.  
July 23 v. N.S.W. at Sydney.  
July 24 v. South Coast (N.S.W.)  
July 27 v. South Australia at Adelaide.  
July 30 v. Australian XI at Adelaide.  
Aug. 3 v. Queensland at Brisbane.  
Aug. 6 v. Australia (first Test), at Brisbane.  
Aug. 7 v. Northern Districts at Cessnock.  
Aug. 13 v. Australia (second Test) at Newcastle.  
Aug. 17 v. Metropolis at Sydney.  
Aug. 20 v. Australia (third Test) at Sydney.

Arthur Scott, Brighton's goalie, sweeps away a mighty kick just before Polonia's centre-forward Johnson got there. It happened in the Brighton-Polonia match at Elsternwick Park last Saturday. Polonia won 4-1.





## V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

Compiled weekly by the V.A.S.F.A.  
Secretary, Stuart Beaton

### CUP MATCHES

Next week, "Soccer News" will publish the draws for the third round of the Dockerty and Harry Armstrong Cups, to be played on July 9. Home clubs must immediately notify their opponents as to ground directions. In all games extra time must be played if required.

### TRANSFERS

All clubs and players are reminded that the transfer season closes on June 30. No transfers will be granted after this date.

### ON RECORD

The Juventus Soccer Club lost two games in season 1953, to Hakoah and J.U.S.T. respectively (by the odd goal in each instance). In season 1954 Juventus were undefeated in the League.

Last week, after eleven games without defeat, Juventus lost to Footscray City, who also had the distinction of defeating Juventus 2-1 in the 1954 Dockerty Cup series. In all, Juventus played 30 League games without defeat prior to last Saturday.

This performance is a record in Victoria, and one of which the Juventus club should be justly proud.

S. BEATON,  
Secretary, V.A.S.F.A.

### Tour Fixtures (from page 1).

#### SOUTH AFRICA

Aug. 20 v. West Australia at Perth  
Aug. 24 v. Metropolis at Sydney.  
Aug. 27 v. N.S.W. at Sydney.  
Aug. 31 v. Queensland at Brisbane.  
Sept. 3 v. Australia (first Test), at Brisbane.  
Sept. 7 v. Victoria at Melbourne.  
Sept. 10 v. Australia (second Test) at Melbourne.  
Sept. 14 v. South Australia at Adelaide.  
Sept. 17 v. Australia (third Test) at Adelaide.  
Sept. 21 v. Metropolis at Sydney.  
Sept. 24 v. Australia (fourth Test) at Sydney.  
Sept. 28 v. Northern Districts at Cessnock.  
Oct. 1 v. Australia (fifth Test), at Newcastle.  
Oct. 2 v. South Coast at South Coast.

## Ban the Bottles

Although few games missed out last week-end through ground conditions, some were played on pitches which certainly did not make for good Soccer.

True, many of these pitches are in poor condition through no fault of the Soccer clubs, but there are many grounds which could be greatly improved by the efforts of the clubs using them.

Grounds where the presence of a cricket pitch causes a muddy patch in heavy weather are unfortunately numerous in the Soccer world. That cannot be helped, but a reasonable amount of work by some of the clubs could make the grounds a little less like paddy fields.

Much worse is the littering of grounds with bottles, usually in broken fragments. Broken glass, bricks and boulders do not make good Soccer pitches, but some clubs seem to think they do.

There are not many Soccer grounds in Melbourne which have been laid on dumps. For those few there is some excuse for an occasional edge of tin can creeping to the surface of the ground, but no excuse for leaving it there.

Clubs which do not clean up their grounds should be penalised for their criminal negligence. They are inviting unnecessary injury.

Last Saturday, one captain appealed to a referee to declare such a ground unplayable, but it was a vain plea. The game went on.

If the clubs will not do anything to make their pitches safe, they should be excluded from the League. Maybe they will be as soon as some written report is sent in.

Bottles in another sense were trouble-makers last week. At one of the First Division games, at an enclosed ground, a group of New Australian youths held a drinking party while the game was in progress.

Another New Australian of the same nationality, who was watching the play, reported to "Soccer News" that, when he politely asked the drinkers to be a little quieter and more careful where they put their broken bottles, he was struck on the head with a beer bottle for his pains.

Better supervision of grounds to prevent this sort of thing is essential. The name of Soccer must not be dragged through a muck heap of broken bottles and spilt beer. If Soccer supporters must hold such carousels, they can hold them in their own homes and clear up their own messes.

On a more cheerful note, it is good to see that the Soccer authorities in Victoria are helping to send a schoolboy team to take part in a carnival in Sydney in August.

Such a venture may never be cheap in actual cost, but it can, in the long run, be the cheapest way to propagate the game. Sport in schools frequently reaches a standard of play and sportsmanship much higher than in open competition. Boys attack their games with a determination to do it properly rather than win at all costs.

This is the sort of spirit which will be carried into higher grades when these boys progress in the game. The cost of the Sydney trip now will mean ten times the amount saved in coaching, and may be the saving of Soccer's reputation in years to come.

EDITOR

## Dr. Walker Heads New Sport Medicine Association

Dr. Charles Walker, of the Polonia Club, and member of the Soccer Council, was last week appointed chairman of the newly-formed Victorian Sport Medicine Association.

His election to that office is a great tribute to the doctor — having been elected unanimously by the Melbourne members of the B.M.A. — and to Soccer, as he is the only Soccer man amongst them.

The aims of the Association, which is affiliated to the Australian Sport Medicine Association, and to an international body, is to study sportsmen physically, sportsmen's maladies, and physical defects resulting from sport.

The outcome of their studies would be the devising of new and improved training methods, the prevention of many injuries and slight deformities, and the guidance of sports players on how to improve their game, or perhaps even change their sport to achieve grater degrees of skill.

### Some Examples

The doctor gave some examples.

We study various proficient sportsmen and women, measure them up, and find out all about them physically. Then we would be able to tell other people that they would make better sprinters than long-distance runners, better swimmers than soccer players, or vice-versa.

It is known that, by playing Soccer, people get certain muscles enlarged. By studying the reasons, we could avoid that, said Dr. Walker.

Boxers get the whole shape of their skulls changed sometimes. That, too, can be avoided.

### He Has Experience

The doctor has considerable knowledge of the subject, having studied it as a medical student in his younger years.

The Association which has been formed here is not the first of its kind by any means, but it is the first in Melbourne.

Twenty-five years ago, a lot of study was put into sport medicine, said Dr. Walker. Every sportsman had a card showing his assessment by the Sport Medicine Association.

"We hope to get it as well organised here in Australia," said Dr. Walker.

## Refs. Disagree on Linesmen

Dear Sir,

In my capacity as publicity officer for the referees' association, may I comment on your article in "Soccer News" of last week. You said that we, the referees, should not send referees to act as linesmen in senior games.

That would be a backward step.

I agree with you that it is most desirable that all games, junior and senior, should have an official referee. But were we to do as you suggest it would still not solve the problem. These first division games require only a few referees, and we are short of many, many more.

The problem is a big one, and the referees' association have put forward our solution. Make the fee for first class referees more attractive and I am sure we will get the numbers required.

WILLIAM CURRAN

## State School Side for Sydney

The Soccer Council on Monday night decided to lend its support to the sending of a Victorian State Schools' eleven to Sydney for an inter-State carnival in August.

Members of the council were unanimous in their support of the suggestion, put forward to them by the official coach, Mr. Len Young.

Mr. Young told the council that N.S.W. and Queensland would be competing, and that the boys would be in Sydney for 12 days.

It would be a great step forward for junior soccer, he said, and an incentive to those young boys who at present get little encouragement in their efforts.

Mr. Young also told the council that Soccer was starting at Wesley College, where one of the masters already had 30 boys training. The master was keen to give them games though not immediately. The school had supplied three balls and its blessing on the formation of a Soccer side, but the master had given a lot of his own money as well as time to get the team under way.

Mr. Young said he hoped that it was only the first of the Melbourne public schools to take up Soccer.

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# TIT-BITS

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Interest turns this week to the second round of the Dockerty Cup and to whether or not minor league teams can surprise critics by beating stronger opponents.

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No first division team, irrespective of how strong it may be, should take the minor teams lightly. These smaller teams know that a good run in the Cup can swing publicity their way and increase their revenue.

Soccer in these minor divisions is not as poor as some of us would think. I personally tip a "lesser" club to fight out the final.



Although classified as "too old" by his club, one Soccer player has been offered quite a large amount to play Aussie rules. And with an "amateur" club, at that.

Morrie Payne, last year's "Argus" award winner, has joined Sandringham City as a coach.

Morrie, who has been with South Yarra for a number of years, decided last week to join his old club mate, Kevin Lott, and help out with the big band of youngsters he has on his hands.



Three referees were killed in Italy last year. One in Naples, two in Rome.

If our referees here think they are hard done by every now and then they should think themselves lucky they are alive.



Did you see that character at the ball with the big bag?

Had his footy gear in it. Thought the Soccer Ball was one of the type we play with.

You were wrong, Pal. This ball is the one we play at—not with.

According to one Sydney newspaper, there seems to be some doubt as to our Soccer credentials. Especially in N.S.W. In the side that played Victoria there was only one amateur, Jimmy Moore.

How then can they play for Australia in the Olympics?

Most players in that State get substantial bonuses over and above weekly expenses paid.

Looks as though Victoria has a strong claim now as the leading State for players to represent us at the Games.



Sandringham City coaches have decided to start a library. They intend stocking it with books by all leading coaches, as well as books by players such as Stanley Matthews and Tommy Lawton.

What about one by Len Young?



A new Soccer idea, to coach youngsters during the summer, is being mooted in England.

Owing to the shortage of first-class coaches they will only coach boys who have the honour of being their club's best for the season.

## A Referee's Tip . . .

# Off-side Law Needs Memorising

By far the most controversial of the laws of Soccer is the off-side law.

This law plays a big part in every match, and leads to endless discussion, on and off the field, the more so when the scoring of a goal is in doubt, and depends on the decision.

Because of this fact it can be understood why referees would like to have official linesmen at every major game, as the linesman is always in a position to signal an off-side infringement.

Incidentally it does not follow that a signal from the linesman means that the referee must stop the game for off-side. On the contrary, there are many things to be considered, so that the decision rests solely with the referee, who may, and should, consult the linesmen if there is any doubt. Then his decision is final and irrevocable.

To get down to the law itself, which is much easier to understand than to administer.

The first thing to note is the actual time at which a player should be signalled "off-side." That should be at the moment the ball is played, and not, as many imagine, when he plays or receives the ball.

A player running through the defence anticipating a long, lobbed pass, is sometimes yards clear of the defenders when he collects the ball. This is often the case with a free kick.

Immediately the cry goes up—"off-side"—but of course he is not if he was, and in the case of a free kick, he invariably is on-side when the ball was kicked.

### Running Back

Another case is that of a player standing in an off-side position who runs back into an on-side position to collect a pass. When he is flagged "off-side," he turns round and appeals, and can point to the defenders ahead of him.

But he was in an off-side position when the ball was kicked, and is therefore off-side.

The basis of the whole thing is that a player can not be off-side while there are two opponents nearer their own goal line than he is when the ball is played.

Take note of the word "nearer," and do not interpret it as "between." Some people consider that the defenders must be between the attacker and the goal. This is wrong.

The defenders may be nearer the goal-line, but over on the other side of the field. It does not matter.

The two opponents are usually the goalkeeper and one defender, but need not necessarily include the 'keeper.

Let's take a look at some of the conditions governing this law.

### Behind the Ball

Firstly, the player will be signalled "off-side," if he is so at the moment the ball is played. But it goes without saying that if he is ahead of the defence he is also ahead of the ball.

When two forwards break through and one passes the ball across the goal to the other, after having drawn the 'keeper, the second man can not be "off-side," even though the defence is miles away. As long as he is behind the ball when it is passed to him he is on-side.

F. HUTCHISON

### Stand Still

When the second forward shoots the first man is technically off-side, being ahead of the ball and with only one defender ahead of him. To avoid being penalised he must either drop back to a position on-side, or stand still to indicate to the referee that he intends to take no part in the play.

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## Lurgi Win in Latrobe Valley Surprise

The defeat of Yallourn A by the new club Lurgi Rangers was the surprise of the Latrobe Valley season last Saturday.

With only four more league games to be played this season, an exciting finish is expected. The leading teams, Moe and Morwell, have yet to meet in the second round.

All four top teams will play off in the next few weeks, and with Lurgi making a determined bid to get into the leading group all games should be good ones.

Today's game, in which Lurgi plays the leaders, could well be another upset, although the well-balanced Morwell combination should be hard to upset.

Sale United has a much better team on paper than on the field, and their heavy defeat at home by Morwell was a disappointment.

Red Triangle's respectable defeat by Moe United shows either a great improvement in the play of the hostel boys or a lapse in the form of Moe.

Moe will meet Box Hill, a first division side, in the Dockerty Cup series, today, and has the good wishes of all Valley teams.

FRANK McIVER.

## In the Net—Then The Hospital

After netting for Preston against Prahran inside of three minutes last week-end, Dennis Lazenby, playing his first game for the club as centre-forward, was injured seriously enough in the chest to be taken to hospital during the second half of the game.

He had a suspected broken collarbone, but X-rays showed that this was not the case.

Ground conditions were so dangerous that three other Preston players could scarcely take the field in the second half. While there was no denying Prahran's superiority, this contributed to Preston's heavy defeat.

### A Referee's Tip (from page 5)

This is another important point, for even if a player is in an off-side position the referee should not penalise if he considers that player is taking no part in the play or interfering with it. This is very unlikely if the play and players are in the vicinity of the goalmouth.

Even if a player stands still in such a position he still commands some of the 'keeper's attention and therefore interferes with play.

### Remember These

Lastly let us sum up when a player is on-side.

- He can not be off-side in his own half of the field.
- He can not be off-side when there are two opponents nearer their own goal-line than he is.
- He can not be off-side when the ball was last played by an opponent or by himself.
- He can not be off-side when he receives the ball direct from a goal-kick, a corner kick, a throw in, or when it was dropped by the referee.

These conditions need little explanation.

Often I have appeals of "off-side" after a throw-in, but most players realise their mistake and recover quickly.

## NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

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### First Division

J.U.S.T. v. Box Hill.  
Yallourn v. George Cross.  
Moreland v. Footscray City.  
Polonia v. Hakoah.  
Brighton v. Juventus.

### Second Division

Vic. Colts v. South Yarra.  
Park Rangers v. Prahran.  
Preston v. Sunshine City.  
Maccabi v. Slavia.  
Geelong v. South Melbourne.

### Third Division

Wilhelmina v. Frankston.  
Dandenong v. Hellenic.  
Williamstown v. Sandringham City.  
Moorabbin City v. F.N.D.  
Sunshine United v. Richmond.

### Metropolitan North

University v. Bayswater.  
I.C.I. v. Heidelberg.  
St. Kilda v. U.Y.D.  
Lions v. Coburg.

### Metropolitan South

Brunswick v. Croatia.

### First Invitation

Box Hill v. J.U.S.T.  
George Cross v. Yallourn.  
Footscray City v. Moreland.  
Hakoah v. Polonia.  
Juventus v. Brighton.

### Second Invitation

South Yarra v. Wilhelmina.  
Prahran v. Park Rangers.  
Sunshine City v. Preston.  
Slavia v. Maccabi.  
South Melbourne v. Geelong.

### Third Invitation

Hellenic v. Heidelberg.  
Box Hill v. Wilhelmina.  
South Yarra v. Sunshine United.  
Coburg v. Williamstown.  
Sandringham City v. Moorabbin City.

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## Coburg Still Needs Manager

Coburg is disheartened by the lack of response to its appeal for someone to take over the management of one of its junior teams.

The club badly needs one man more than the number of teams fielded. Bill Bradshaw is at present making great sacrifices for the club, considering that he is still only 20 and could still be playing himself.

He is giving his whole time to coaching and looking after club interests.

Frank Lee is only 23 yet gives up most of his spare time to the boys, especially the younger ones.

Both Frank and I (I am the daddy) have other duties that prevent us from devoting all our time to the club.

We are struggling to field three teams because of this lack of supervision. If help is forthcoming we should be able to field four teams next year, mainly made up of young Australian boys.

As far as recruiting goes we seem to have an excellent recruiting officer in 11-year-old Ramsay Jack, who seems to interest another youngster in the game every week.

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## "Pegasus" Makes A Few Suggestions

Taking two points from a team which fails to turn up for a game, as well as giving two points to the side which does arrive, is a way to stop the walk-overs, writes "Pegasus" in a letter to "Soccer News."

In many cases the walk-over is really the outcome of a weak team not wanting to meet a stronger one. By staying away, they rob their opponents of a game and of a few goals for their average, which can mean promotion or relegation at the end of a season.

### Must Support Juniors

"Next season, all First Division teams should be compelled, as they are in Adelaide, to run junior sides. First Division clubs should run at least two, and Second Division sides one, and no excuses taken for failing to comply with the order.

"Country sides which make the grade of senior competition could possibly be allowed to lapse of juniors because of the travelling distance."

Reserve teams should be promoted or relegated irrespective of the standing of the senior club, says "Pegasus." This would put more interest in the Reserve Competition.

In the Metropolitan Leagues there should be fourteen teams, so that, if any drop out, as they have done this year, a worth-while competition can still be run. Extra rounds could be played if necessary during the later Dockerty Cup weeks, when most of the metropolitan sides, if not all, are eliminated.

Finals should be played off in this League to decide promotion.

### Genuine State League

A genuine State League should be formed as soon as possible, and should include teams from Bendigo, Ballarat, Latrobe, Geelong, and other country centres, as soon as representative sides from those places reach the required standard.

Another suggestion is that all teams intending to enter the Leagues should present with their application the names of fourteen players willing to support the

club. This would be of particular aid to the junior association, as many junior sides seem to enter the competition without first finding the necessary players.

The standard of play of intending clubs could be investigated before admittance by testing them against selected teams in admittance games on Sundays.

### Don't Accent New Australians

Clubs should concentrate more on native-born Australians, says "Pegasus." Although New Australians have done much for Soccer, the real backbone of the game is still with the "dinkum Aussies," and the more of them interested in the game, the better it is for Soccer.

District sides should be encouraged at the expense of national

Owing to the ill-health of Nino Randazzo, there is no Italian corner this week.

The corner will be continued again as soon as Mr. Randazzo recovers.

sides, which seem to prosper only while they are winning. While I have nothing against New Australians, I am surprised at the way in which the clubs who carried Soccer through its "dark ages" have been dragged in the mud by national sides, which are doing nothing to strengthen the game as a whole.

In fact, many of them are aiding sections of the community which would like to see Soccer's funeral by creating frequent "incidents." These never seem to happen at games between two Australian clubs, except for an occasional display of temper on the field.

Perhaps the Association could encourage the Australians by looking more to them in the selection of a State squad.

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## Transfer System is Wrong

Dear Sir,

I have been thinking of ways and means of overcoming players transferring from one club to another in the middle of the season.

I am led to believe, though open to correction, that amateurs can not be held by a club, and are free to move from one club to another almost at will, yet on the other hand I am informed that the Victorian Colts players, when finished with the Colts, must return to the club they were with previously for a complete season.

If my information is correct this is an absolute contradiction.

I think it would be good for the competition if some system or agreement for retaining players, at least for an entire season, could be devised. Clubs would then be able to assess their potential strength at the beginning of the season and plan accordingly.

### Transfers Upsetting

With the present set up a player dropped for two weeks running applies for a transfer to another club, especially if he is unreasonable. This upsets the club's plans for the season. If no transfers were allowed that player would play in the reserves and try to play his way back into the first team, thus helping himself and his club.

I think that the no transfer system is a good one, but how to introduce it satisfactorily is a difficult problem. Since no club can withhold a transfer without extreme justification, I suggest that a gentlemen's agreement between clubs not to accept a player who has already started the season with another club be adopted.

I would invite readers to send in their suggestions to "Soccer News"

so that something worthwhile can be worked out.

### Players' Pool

I would also like to see a players' pool introduced by the association. By this means all unsigned players, or those seeking transfers at the end of the season, would be listed, together with personal and playing information, experience and clubs played for.

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This list would be posted to every club before the season so that they could all approach the players concerned without fear of being called touters.

As only players seeking transfers, or unsigned for various reasons, would be on this list, it would be amended every month, and the new signings listed in "Soccer News" for all to see.

If this letter does nothing more than start people thinking about the inadequacies of our present transfer system I will be quite satisfied.

H. RICE.

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# Junior Trials Start Tomorrow

## JUNIOR TRIAL GAMES FAWKNER PARK SUNDAY, JUNE 26:

Under 17 trials—Blues v. Blues and Whites. Kick off, 2.30.

Under 20.—Juniors v. Vic. Colts. Kick off, 3 p.m.

All players report at 2 p.m.

## MIDDLE PARK, SUNDAY, JULY 3:

Under 14 Trial.—Kick off, 1.30.

Under 15 Trial.—Kick off, 2.45.

All clubs must send lists of players to Mr. J. Olsen, LB 1444, as soon as possible.

A panel of selectors has been appointed, comprising of all independent men, under the chairmanship of Mr. Parker. Mr. J. Olsen has been appointed secretary, and will notify all clubs of procedure and the grounds where games will be played. Any information clubs require about State teams should be sought from Mr. Olsen.

### Official Referee

We welcome Mr. McDonald, who has just arrived from New South Wales, and has been appointed official referee for the junior association. Mr. McDonald is an accomplished referee, having refereed several international games in New South Wales. Plenty of work will be found for him if he intends to help juniors in this State.

It is hoped to start junior referee classes under Mr. McDonald. Anyone interested can forward their name and address to me.

### Films Tonight

Tonight, at the Progress Hall, Pascoe Vale, a film show of three films on training procedure and items of interest are to be shown, commencing at 8 p.m. Admittance will be about 1/6, and should be well worth it. Mr. McCarthy, of the Pascoe Vale Club, has the arrangements in hand.

The next delegates' meeting is on Wednesday, at Scott's Hotel, at 7.30 p.m. The cup rounds will be drawn at this meeting.

### This Week—Box Hill

Spotlighted this week we have Box Hill.

This club has always been very junior minded, and this year has under 14, 17, 20 teams. Their under 14 are so far undefeated.

It would be impossible to think of Box Hill without thinking of

the man behind them, Bill Stewart. It is hard to remember who came first, Box Hill Juniors or Bill, a worker for years with Mr. Fox.

Last season the under 14 won the premiership ribbon. Their home ground at Surrey Park has an all junior ground. This is smaller than the usual, and is solely for junior games. They are also fortunate in having flood-lighting for night training, and two excellent pavilions and dressing sheds equipped with hot showers.

One very important factor which has cropped up this year. Any junior player transferring to a senior side other than their own club must submit an application for clearance to his club and to the junior association. His club must also submit to the junior association their notification of clearance.

This point is quite clearly defined in the constitution and upheld by the senior body.

The following boys are requested to report to Mr. A. Duff, 41 Barry Street, South Yarra, before July 3:

B. White, L. Schofield, J. Slat-ter, J. Shepherd, J. Hatt, J. Nay-lor, R. Nott, D. McLean, D. Harris, J. Borg, V. Webster.

DENIS CHAMBERS.

## Frank Wimmer Hurt

The long awaited appearance of Frank Wimmer, late of B.A.C., Vienna, at Preston, proved disappointing. After six weeks' training he took the field only to be injured early in the first half of the game against Prahran last Saturday.

He has a pulled muscle, and after the game said that he did not think he would be much good this year, but "next year, maybe."

## Slavia Really Looks Good

Dear Sir,

Having seen Slavia beat the promising young players of the Victorian Colts 4-2 last Saturday, I can not help reaching the conclusion that Slavia does not belong in the second division. They can not escape promotion into the first division where they will undoubtedly play a prominent part.

Considering that there were only nine players playing for Slavia almost all the match, yet they still managed to win convincingly. Slavia's future can only be considered bright.

Centre-half Pechout was lost through injury in the first few minutes, and left winger Slavik was sent from the field by the referee.

The fact that Slavia has not lost a point this year, after being promoted from the third last year, shows that Slavia is too good for the second division. The fact that Czechoslovakia (Slavia) beat Italy (Juventus) in the world cup final last year, and downed Malta (George Cross) only two weeks ago, proves that the club is worthy of the first division.

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## Last Week's Results

### FIRST DIVISION

Juventus 1, Footscray City 4.  
George Cross 1, Moreland 2.  
Box Hill 1, Yallourn 0.  
Hakoah 1, J.U.S.T. 2.  
Brighton 2, Polonia 4.

### SECOND DIVISION

South Melbourne 6, Sunshine City 3.  
Prahran 10, Preston 1.  
South Yarra 1, Park Rangers 2.  
Slavia 4, Vic Colts 2.  
Maccabi w.o. Geelong.

### THIRD DIVISION

Richmond 4, Sandringham City 4.  
Frankston 2, Dandenong 2.  
F.N.D. 0, Wilhelmina 6.  
Sunshine United 8, Moorabbin 1.  
Hellenic v. Williamstown, not-played.

### METROPOLITAN NORTH

Coburg 6, Heidelberg 0.  
Fairfield 1, I.C.I. 0.  
Lions 7, St. Kilda 0.  
U.Y.D. 0, University 2.

### METROPOLITAN SOUTH

St. Albans 4, Croatia 3.

### FIRST INVITATION

Footscray 2, Juventus 5.  
Moreland 2, George Cross 1.  
Yallourn 1, Box Hill 3.  
J.U.S.T. 2, Hakoah 3.  
Polonia 2, Brighton 6.

### SECOND INVITATION

Sunshine City 3, South Melbourne 0.  
Preston 3, Prahran 5.  
Park Rangers 2, South Yarra 6.  
Wilhelmina w.o. Slavia.  
Maccabi w.o. Geelong.

### THIRD INVITATION

Moorabbin 0, Sunshine United 4.  
Heidelberg 0, Box Hill 6.  
Williamstown 0, Hellenic 2.  
Sandringham 3, Coburg 4.

### LATROBE VALLEY

Sale 0, Morwell 7.  
Morwell Ran. 1, Tigers 4.  
Red Triangle 0, Moe 3.  
Lurgi 4, Yallourn A 3.

### LATROBE VALLEY UNDER 16

Yallourn 4, Moe 1.

### LATROBE VALLEY UNDER 13

Yallourn Meth. 1, Morwell 0.  
Newborough 0, Yall. Ran. 3.  
Moe 3, Hearn's Oak B 0.

After the Varsity Soccer Carnival in Sydney, GEOFF. DOBB says:

## Melbourne Wins Again

The recent Inter-Varsity Soccer Carnival held in Sydney was the most interesting since the inception of the NAPIER CUP in 1947.

Melbourne and Sydney now share the cup jointly until the Adelaide Carnival next year.

The main features of the 1955 Carnival were the evenness of the four competing universities; their differing styles of Soccer; the emphasis on teamwork, and the mobility of the N.S.W. referees, who favoured fast, play-on tactics.

Apart from the initial match, each game was strongly contested, especially the thrilling Sydney-Melbourne struggle.

Individual match results were:

Adelaide 4, Brisbane 0.  
Sydney 4, Melbourne 4 (after extra time).

Melbourne 3, Adelaide 2.

Sydney 2, Brisbane 0 (after extra time).

Melbourne 3, Brisbane 2.

Sydney 1, Adelaide 0.

Final Points. — Melbourne and Sydney, 5 each; Adelaide 2, Brisbane, 0.

Seventeen nationalities were represented in the four teams, from Lithuanians to Americans, Scots to Poles, but distinct styles were evident from each State.

One feature of the Sydney team was the drive generated from mobile wingers, who frequently participated in goal-mouth moves, instead of, as often in Victoria, staying frozen near the touchline. Adelaide had two State players in their powerful defence, but still lost the cup they had taken from Melbourne in 1954.

Brisbane, only formed six weeks previously, improved tremendously and shocked both Sydney and Melbourne with their tenacity. Another good forward will make them a very dangerous side in Adelaide next season.

Melbourne's forwards were the best in the carnival — one of the series highlights was Don Maclean's

(ex-Forth Athletic), brilliant hat-trick against Sydney—but our defence was often worried by pace.

The Melbourne side (mainly Malaysians and Indians) was probably the lightest, excelling in short-passing, thus countering Brisbane and Sydney's vigorous, long-kicking games.

The boost University Soccer in four States gets from this annual carnival deserves more recognition in the Soccer calendar. Soccer is the only code that does not subsidise Inter-Varsity Carnivals in Melbourne.

—GEOFF. DOBB.

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## FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUVENTUS	12	10	1	1	32	8	21
POLONIA	12	9	2	1	32	14	20
BRIGHTON	12	7	2	3	30	21	14
HAKOAH	12	6	1	5	35	21	13
MORELAND	12	6	1	5	20	17	13
BOX HILL	12	5	1	6	12	31	11
J.U.S.T.	12	3	2	7	24	27	8
FOOTSCRAY CITY	12	3	2	7	15	31	8
GEORGE CROSS	12	2	2	8	21	37	6
YALLOURN	12	1	2	9	16	30	4

## SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Slavia	12	12	0	0	61	20	24
Prahran	12	11	0	1	57	16	22
Sth. Melbourne	12	7	0	5	42	27	14
Vic. Colts	12	7	0	5	34	34	14
Sunshine C.	12	5	2	5	19	31	12
Maccabi	12	3	3	6	26	42	9
Park Rangers	12	3	1	8	25	45	7
Preston	12	3	1	8	28	47	7
South Yarra	12	2	2	8	17	27	6
Geelong	12	2	1	9	14	29	5

## THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wilhelmina	12	12	0	0	76	9	24
Hellenic	11	9	1	1	53	18	19
Sandringham, C.	12	7	3	2	40	17	17
Richmond	12	6	1	5	34	30	13
Dandenong	11	6	1	4	32	33	13
Williamstown	11	5	2	4	31	26	12
Sunshine Utd.	12	5	1	6	33	37	11
Frankston	12	2	1	9	15	39	5
Moorabbin, C.	11	1	0	10	16	60	2
F.N.D.	12	0	0	12	12	78	0

## FIRST INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	12	10	0	2	43	10	20
Polonia	12	9	1	2	41	29	19
Brighton	11	6	2	3	28	18	14
Footscray City	11	5	2	4	24	26	12
Moreland	12	5	2	5	27	32	12
Hakoah	11	4	3	4	23	19	11
Box Hill	12	5	0	7	20	31	10
J.U.S.T.	12	3	1	8	21	27	7
Yallourn	11	2	2	7	11	25	6
George Cross	12	1	0	9	12	41	6

## SECOND INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine City	12	9	2	1	41	11	20
South Melb.	12	8	1	3	45	25	17
South Yarra	12	8	0	4	34	28	16
Slavia	12	6	1	5	35	20	18
Wilhelmina	12	6	0	6	22	27	12
Geelong	12	5	0	7	22	18	10
Prahran	12	5	0	7	30	45	10
Preston	12	4	0	8	19	30	8
Maccabi	12	4	0	8	16	34	8
Park Rangers	12	2	0	10	19	47	4

## METROPOLITAN NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	11	10	1	0	40	9	29
Coburg	11	6	4	1	42	13	16
Fairfield	11	7	1	3	26	7	15
University	11	7	1	3	24	19	15
U.Y.D.	10	5	0	4	18	19	10
Bayswater	10	4	0	6	28	28	8
Heidelberg	11	2	1	8	12	42	6
St. Kilda	10	2	0	8	11	25	4
I.C.L.	11	1	2	8	16	46	4

## METROPOLITAN SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brunswick	8	7	0	1	31	13	14
Croatia	8	6	0	2	32	15	12
Yarra Park	8	5	1	2	20	19	11
Port Melb.	9	4	0	4	19	14	10
Rosebud	8	3	1	4	18	29	7
St. Albans	7	3	0	4	13	17	6

## LATROBE VALLEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Morwell	9	9	0	0	54	6	18
Moe Utd.	9	8	1	0	40	3	17
Yallourn A.	10	6	1	3	31	25	13
Tigers	10	5	2	3	30	23	12
Sale Utd.	10	4	1	5	17	32	9
Lurgi Ran.	10	3	0	7	16	31	6
Morwell Ran.	10	1	1	8	15	30	3
Red Triangle	10	0	0	10	10	60	0

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